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One reason the U.S. rejected a Soviet bid to hold the Carter-Brezhnev summit in Helsinki: Fear that the Russians have so deeply infiltrated the Finnish capital with spies and electronic bugging equipment that the Americans couldn't safely hold strategy sessions in their own quarters.

That White House accusation in late April that the Soviet Union had stepped up the arms race by deploying its new SS-21 missile in East Germany, it turns out, was premature—the result of a CIA slipup. The missile actually has not been set up in East Germany, though officials expect it will be deployed eventually.